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To RALPH FREEMAN, *Esq*;

Good Sir,

I T is now so long since I troubled you with an Epistle, that I flatter myself a long one won't displease you. Why, the *Grumblers* are very hard upon you and your Friends; I wonder how you do bear up against them. If they argued, you might have some Chance; but to have Weekly Journals, *Three* Evening Posts, and a List of Occasional Magazines of Slander play'd on you is too hard in all Reason; and in the Sense of I come very charitably to your Assistance, and I say so would many more if you would condescend ask them. The Patriots boast much of our County, I know many an honest Gentleman in it who smokes them for all that. We have good Memories, we can collect what some Folks said of Places when they them, and can easily account for what they seem think of those who have them now. Should there open a *Change* To-morrow, why, it would produce certainly a *New Set* of *Patriots* as a *New Set* of *ntlemen*.

A Man who is blessed with a large Measure of ith may at this Time of Day meet with a Set of *cient Romans* in this corrupt Island of *Britain*. Let n repair to certain Places which may be pointed , and he shall hear such noble Lectures on Li- y delivered in such a flowing Stile, and enliven'd h such apt Cita ions from the Poets, that he may y himself at *Tusculum*, and take this our Orator a second *Cicero*. Or if Disinterestedne s please better, he may be fitted with Heroes of such open arts, as to desire to serve their Countrymen with- touching their Pockets. But if his Taste be Sa- , there he may be fitted. No Character is so r, as not to be subjected to Inspection; and these icks in Politicks and Morals enter as roundly in- the Conduct of living Princes, as the State-In- ctors at *Venice* d i into that of a dead Duke. These sorts have themselves so much Virtue, that they not bear the Appearance of Vice in others, and so at a Kindness for the World, that they expose it Publick Good.

But if an Auditor should enquire, how these wor- Personages came by all this Knowledge, surely it uld be a satisfactory Answer—— That they know this by Experience. That some of them being inisters heretofore, had thereby suddenly raised eat Fortunes, and consequently are acquainted with the Arts of Getting. That others of them were in Army, and having practis'd most of the Maxims Military Management, are thereby qualified to de- im on the Mischiefs flowing from Standing Troops; d a third Sort being Men long versed in the My- ry of Parliamenteering, stand possessed of Variety Arguments, to prove that Bribery and Corruption not mere Bugbears, but have been frequently y'd off with Success, to their Knowledge. After h an Account, would any Man's Stomach grow eamish, and refuse to digest whatever they told m, concerning Chimera's, Hydra's, and Flying- ragons, kept *in Petto* at *H*——, and to be let loose xt Winter upon all the honest, inoffensive, Fox- nters in the Opposition? No surely, he would see Grounds to rely upon these Oracles, and receive ir Responses with implicit Submission of his Un- rstanding, where the Strangeness of the Matter re- ir'd it, and rely rather on their Authority than his n Reason—— like a good Patriot of the present imes.

Well, I protest to you, the Head of our Family, *Timothy Trot*, who lives in a County which shall namelesS, is the pleasantest Patriot in the World; d I have very often heard him run over his Pro- ess of Patriotism with great Satisfaction. In the ginning of King *William*'s Reign he came into *arliament* a good *Whig* of the old Stamp, made Two Three smart *Speeches* against *Popery*, the *Exorbitancy* *Prerogative* in the late *Reigns*, and the Unreason- bleness of comprehending *Dissenters*: But happening o stretch his Authority as a *Justice of Peace* a little oo far in the *Country*, he was by the Direction of the *Chancellor* left out of the next *Commission*; whereupon he left his Party, and commenc'd *Tory*. Immediately he changes his Company, brings home half a Score of the Clergy to Dinner, rides Three Miles from his Seat to meet the Bishop, voted against the New Coinage, and refused to sign the Association. This entire Turn did his Business effectually; he became quickly the most consider'd Patriot in the Neighbourhood; insomuch that the Common People, to mark the Elevation of his Notions in *Church* and *State*, as well as to distinguish him from another of his Name in the same Town, call'd him *High Trot*, which Nickname afforded him much Satisfaction.

He remain'd firm in these Principles as long as the *King* lived, except now and then he felt some Qualms of *Loyalty* towards his *Prince* (tho' he persecuted his Ministers without Mercy) especially when extraordinary Supplies were debated; and has been observ'd to soften exceedingly, after getting a Bit of Paper rubb'd into a Wisp between his Hands, which some said were Notes of his Speech, and others fansy'd to be Notes of another Nature. But when Queen *Anne* had enjoy'd the Crown Two or Three Years, finding his former Polit icks quite useless, he thought proper to become a Moderate Man; and getting the Government of an old Castle, with a Pension of 600 *l per Annum*, he grew the most tractable Creature in the World, steer'd by a new Card, and once at a Corporation Feast dined with an Anabaptist Teacher. He found Means however to live pretty well with the most considerable of his old Friends, by private Assurances that he was still theirs in his Heart. But the Mob, who are no Judges of such Things, and who have naturally no great Liking to Moderation, withdrew their Favours, and stil'd him in Derision Justice *Jogtrot*; which he bore with much Christian Patience.

The Affair of *Sacheverel* gave him an Opportunity of keeping his Word with his old Acquaintance, and facing about to the Church. The new Ministry receiv'd him with open Arms. He was one of their prime Agents for a Couple of Years, and pick'd up pretty plentifully while those Jobbs were doing, without which, as pious *Bolingbroke* said, a Government was not worth serving. But the Chiefs quarrelling, he presently smoked the Downfal of their Scheme, and prudently resumed his Moderation once again. But doubting if this would come now to so good a Market, he grew a little more upon the Whig, search'd some Houses in the Neighbourhood for Popish Priests, and threw up whatever had been bestow'd on him by that Ministry, declaring himself no Friend to the *French*, and a zealous Asserter of the Protestant Succession. He was particularly careful to make up all Differences which had happen'd between him and any Whigs of Distinction, and as those were very ticklish Times, he without Difficulty carried his Point, and was considered as a Labourer come in at the last Hour, and yet well entitled to Wages. But his old Friends, the People, were not so to be duped, but whenever they saw him at a Publick Meeting, they saluted him with *Well done, old turn about Trot!*

Upon the Accession of his late Majesty, he appear'd a staunch Whig, and in quality of a Deputy-Lieutenant bore pretty hard on some of his old Acquaintance. At all publick Meetings, and on all publick Occasions, he was as much the Champion of the Government, as *Demmock* of the Crown. But growing by degrees insatiable in his Demands, and insupportable in his Conduct, he was once again laid aside, as we his Relations apprehended, for good and all. At first he bore his Reverse of Fortune with much Moderation. He said, the Succession was the grand Object of his Wishes, and since that had taken Place, he was satisfy'd whatever happen'd to himself. A very laudable Resolution! after having better'd his Estate by his Industry a full thousand Pound a Year. However, for some Months past he has alter'd his Tone and Conduct, consorted with Republicans, Tories, Jacobites, Papists, and Men who make a Jest of all Principles and Parties. His Discourse is now of independent Patriotism, and espousing the Cause of Trade and the People. To do this effectually he rides from one Assembly to another, gives grand Entertainments, and Barrels of Ale to the Populace, pleasing himself mightily with this Observation, That tho' he is neither Member nor so much as Justice of the Peace, yet he may be *Foreman of a Grand Jury*. By these Flights he has lost himself with all his sensible Acquaintance, but the Mob are come about to him again, and Sir *Timothy Trot* of *Trot-hall* is at this present Writing, the Top Patriot in our County.

The Memoirs I have sent you of this Flower of Knighthood may very probably induce other publick-spirited Persons to send in their Quotas in the same Way. This you may depend on, that among our celebrated Statesmen and most accomplish'd Orators, there are a good many *Trots*, if any body would for the publick Emolument point them out. I have more than once discover'd one of the Family at a Coffee-house, by his elaborate Panegyrick on Complacency, yielding to the Wind, and swimming with the Stream; and really to do these Gentlemen Justice, by joining in their turns with every Party, they become perfectly acquainted with the Foibles of all, and by exposing them, give a plausible Account of the Changes they have made. But after all, who can expect Steadiness in a *Weathercock*, or rely on those whom the first *Blast* of *Interest* will infallibly carry quite round.

When People of this Stamp come to be Legislators, we shall no question have a very stable Constitution. Those who in the Conduct of their own Affairs never minded any Rule but that of Interest, will assuredly prove disinterested Guardians of the State. There is no coming to a Certainty in these things, but I say there is a strong Probability of this, and who can desire more? Besides, let any Man consider the Meekness, Moderation and extensive Charity, which has shone so remarkably in the Children of the Opposition, and then let him doubt if he can, whether such easy, inoffensive, good-natur'd People, will make any other than a temperate Use of Power. I am sensible, that some Folks are for adjourning all Consideration till a CHANGE is effected; but who knows, Mr. *Freeman*, if Consideration may not then come too late. Such are my dull Notions of Things, grounded only on Experience, and therefore fit to be laugh'd at by those who to avoid being thought Fools, never would listen to Experience in their Lives, and have throve accordingly.

I am, &c

JOHN TROT.

HOME PORTS.

Leith, August 5. Saturday last the Agatha and Jean, Christy, clear'd out for London, having on board the following Scots Manufactures, viz. 13041 Yards Linnen, 3580 Yards Woollens, 1500 Dozen Linnen Handkerchiefs, 2014 lb. Cotton and Thread, 2435 lb. Snuff; also 2126 Gallons condemn'd Spirits, and 1540 lb. condemn'd Tea.

The Glasgow Packet, Jerment, is now taking in Goods, and sails for London in 14 Days.

Deal, August 13. Wind S. W. Remains his Majesty's Ship the Scarborough; the Farmer, Forward, for New England; the St John, Mendoza, and the St. Joseph, Gomez, for Lisbon; the Golden Eagle, Hinton, and the Prince of Wales, Kear, for Newfoundland; the Seahorse, Bushell, for Figueira; the Charming Betty, Stevenson, for Philadelphia; the Elizabeth, Taylor, for St. Christophers; the Peace, Hallam, for Faro. Arrived the Frederick, Loney, from Virginia; and the Flye, Richards, from Falmouth.

Gravesend, August 14 Pass'd by the Hanover Alliance, Cromey, from Stockholm; and the King George, Patterson, from Norway.

LONDON.

The Welcome, Bell, from Genoa and Gibraltar for Cork, was taken by a Spanish Privateer about 10 Leagues West of Cape Finisterre, and carried into Corunna.

Yesterday Sennight dy'd at Prestonfield Sir William Cunningham, of Caprington in Northumberland, Bart. aged 57 a Gentleman of great Learning, Virtue and Charity, and of distinguish'd Zeal for Episcopacy.

Friday last Benjamin Randal, the noted Highwayman, was executed at Aylesbury.

At the Assizes for Hereford only one Person receiv'd Sentence of Death, and that was for returning from Transportation.

Yesterday

Yesterday a Messenger arriv'd at the Cockpit at Whitehall with an Express from his Majesty at Hanover.

The same Day a Messenger was dispatch'd to the Earl of Waldegrave, his Majesty's Ambassador at the Court of France.

Last Saturday died at Kensington Gore Richard Lowndes, Esq; Brother to William Lowndes, Esq; one of the Principal Clerks of the Exchequer.

Yesterday died at his Lodgings in Princes-street Hanover-square, Samuel Morrison, Esq; a Gentleman of a plentiful Estate, and formerly High Sheriff for the County of Cambridge.

Nine Ships of War are order'd to be got ready with all Expedition, in order to be put into Commission.

Yesterday Henry de Grey, Esq; Member of Parliament for Reading in Berks, lay at the Point of Death at his House in New Burlington-street, Burlington-gardens.

Yesterday his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, set out with a numerous Retinue for his Seat at Halland in Sussex; where his Grace will continue for a Fortnight, and during his Stay there will keep open House according to Custom.

The same Day died at his House in Tower-street, Mr. Spatcher, one of the Door-keepers of the East-India House in Leadenhall-street, a Place of considerable Profit, and is in the Gift of the Directors of the said Company.

The same Day a Man well dress'd, was found drown'd in the River near Battle-bridge, and is said to be a Person in good Circumstances in that Neighbourhood.

The same Morning Mr. Hill, Lieutenant of his Majesty's Ship the Lion, going from London to Spithead, was attack'd and robb'd by Two Highwaymen near Weybridge in Surrey.

Orders have been lately issued out by the Lords Justices, for General Thomas Whetham's Regiment of Foot, as also Major-General Roger Handasyde's Regiment of Foot, to march forthwith to Portsmouth, in order to embark on the intended Expedition under the Command of the Lord Cathcart.

Yesterday was held the Annual Feast of the Gentlemen of the Choir belonging to the King's Chapel Royal at St. James's, at Mr. Lewis's the Crown Tavern in King's-street Westminster; when his Majesty, according to Custom, made them a Present of Twenty Pounds in Lieu of a Brace of Bucks. There were present several Persons of Distinction at the said Entertainment.

By Advices from the Oldest Lottery-Office at Charing-Cross kept by Mr. Francis Wilson (which is removed, for the Convenience of Coaches drawing up to the Door, from the Narrow Passage below to the Broad Way directly behind the King on Horseback, and next Door but one to the Mewse Front Gate) we are informed that Tickets in this present Lottery are there disposed of at the lowest Prices; and for the Conveniency of such Adventurers who are inclined to extend their Chance to several different Numbers at a small Expence, there is constantly open for Sale a large Variety of Tickets divided into Shares of Halves, Quarters, Eights, and Sixteenth Parts, in as many different Numbers as the Adventurers please: His Register-Book by long Experience is contrived to be so correct, that whoever enters the Numbers of their Tickets in it, at Six Pence each, cannot fail of the most exact as well as expeditious Accounts of their Success, whether good or otherwise, sent them to any Part whatsoever.

Casualties, Christnings, and Burials last Week.

Drowned 2, one buried at St. John in Southwark, and one at St. Mary at Lambeth. Excessive Drinking 1. Executed 3. Hang'd himself 1, buried at St. Botolph Billingsgate. Kill'd by a Fall 1, buried at Christ-church in Surrey. Overlaid 3.

Christned	Males	157	Buried	Males	240
	Females	140		Females	213
	In all	297		In all	453

Increased in the Burials this Week 96.

Whereof have died,

Under 2 Years of Age	155	Forty and Fifty	34
Between 2 and 5	62	Fifty and Sixty	36
Five and Ten	23	Sixty and Seventy	29
Ten and Twenty	21	Seventy and Eighty	17
Twenty and Thirty	35	Eighty and Ninety	6
Thirty and Forty	33	Ninety and a Hundred	2

High Water this Day at London Bridge,	Morning	04	16	
	Evening	04	32	

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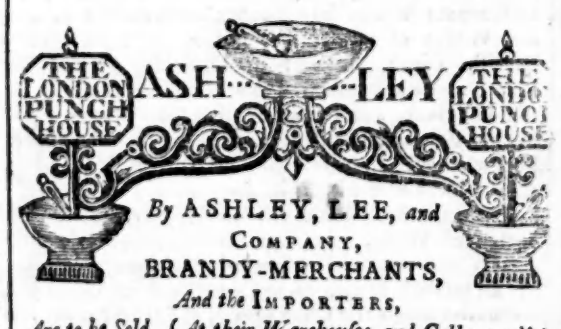

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